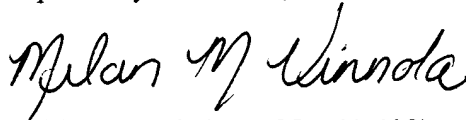


REMARKS

By way of the present amendment, allowed Claims 105-112 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants submit that no new matter enters by way of the present amendment, and that no issues requiring further search and consideration are presented. As such, entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

The Office is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (202) 942-6111 should any additional information be necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Milan M. Vinnola". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Milan" and last name "Vinnola" clearly distinguishable.

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